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A shopping trip clinched it for Brian Hall

"WHAT IMPRESSED ME MOST ABOUT ARGYLE"

A hasty piece of shopping in Plymouth's city centre late one afternoon was the psychological moment when Brian Hall decided a move to Argyle was the right decision.

Life had been hectic for weeks for Brian and his wife, dashing hither and thither, talking long into the night about the merits of a move to the West Country from bustling Merseyside.

"I'd more or less made up my mind to come late one Wednesday afternoon before I was due to return home to Liverpool the next morning, my wife suddenly realised she needed a bit of shopping. "We went into the

centre expecting the sort of situation you find in Liverpool at that time of day. But we got what we wanted so leisurely, and without any pressure, that I thought to myself 'This is fantastic - this is how it should be.'



Referee Derek Lloyd gets a kiss from one of the girls in the show "Pyjama Tops" before the Chelsea match.

It is the off-the-field pace of life which has most appealed to Brian and what may, in the long term, prove to be the springboard for a very successful period at Home Park.

"Some people take me wrongly when I say the pace of life here is slower. It's meant to be a compliment.

"On the field it should be a hundred miles an hour. And during training and so on. But when the time comes to relax, you don't want to dash around at a furious pace. That is what I really like about the life in this part of the world."

Brian would be the first to admit he didn't set Devon on fire in his opening games.

But most of the genuine and telling associations between a club and a new player, in my experience, are built up in time and often a dazzling opening burst flatters to deceive.

He is a deep thinker. When you ask him a question he considers it before answering - there are no glib, stock replies.

He will admit that his career was at the crossroads earlier this year after he realised there was no real future for him at Anfield.

"The inevitable process at Liverpool was working, with youngsters like Jimmy Case and David Fairclough being

blooded - they have got to be given their opportunity. I just couldn't see that my staying would have done anything but put me back."

His involvement in sponsorship to help pay his fee came as a challenge more than a surprise.

"I have felt for a long time that professional football doesn't look hard enough at the millions who watch it on telly or read newspapers about it. Looking beyond those who come to the matches is a whole new trend - and this is one of the things that impressed me about Argyle."

Hall is a thorough pro. I had arranged to chat to him immediately after the Chelsea game. "Not a good time for an interview," I observed. "No but one has to get over these small setbacks and put them in perspective."

I know a lot of players who would have been too choked to keep the date. But Hall put it out of mind and talked freely as if he implicitly believed Argyle have a First Division future.

The very signature on the transfer form goes a long way to underlining that belief. He could have signed for nearby Blackpool and stayed in

the same house. But he chose a geographical leap of tremendous proportions on what he saw at Home Park and what he thought the club might achieve.

His involvement in the sponsorship has been deliberately begun at a low key while he settles in on the field - where he is expected primarily to produce the goods.

But be sure that when Hall the Player also plays the role of Hall the Seller then Plymouth Argyle will have an ambassador on the playing side of the highest integrity.

Nut cases are "crucifying the game of football" says Manager Tony Waiters in a powerful article on Page 3.

He argues that being a Soccer Thug is becoming "the thing to do" and adds -

"If it's going to help soccer then I say 'bring back the Cat'."

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A CASH BOOST FROM BEST?

November 13th and the days leading up to it could be a busy time for Argyle secretary Graham Little and his staff. For all being well, that is the day when **FULHAM** visit Home Park with - we hope - George Best in their ranks. Even making allowances for all Best's transgressions, he is still a tremendous draw and his appearance would mean a boost of hard cash for the Argyle coffers.

HULL CITY's young defender Paul Haigh has been the target for Bristol City, among others, and another high on the wanted list is **ORIENT**'s Bobby Fisher who has been watched by Birmingham.



Brian Clough

NOTTINGHAM FOREST - where Brian Clough wants consistency to mount a promotion challenge - have been showing an interest in Aston Villa's cultured player Ian Ross, formerly with Liverpool.

Division Two Diary

BRISTOL ROVERS' famous 'Smash and Grab' combination of goal scorers, Bruce Bannister and Alan Warboys, have not been attracting the sort of offers manager Don Megson would rate. Rovers value both of them in the area of £40,000.

Seems little doubt that former Argyle coach Ian Greaves is going to inspire another **BOLTON** bid for promotion. The F A Cup seemed to prove Wanderers' undoing last year but they look a good bet for the top three this time.

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BRING BACK THE CAT (PART 1)

**TONY
WAITERS
SAYS:**



Two seasons ago Peter Bonetti was given a free transfer by Chelsea. In our last home game his agility and safe handling prevented Argyle from at least drawing a thrilling match.

After Chelsea transfer listed him "bring back the Cat" - Peter Bonetti's nickname - was the cry from the fans at Stamford Bridge. It's a pity that the management heeded the call!

But even though we would have preferred Chelsea to have left Bonetti in mothballs, the same call to the Government of this country might be worthwhile. The problem of hooliganism is not being sorted out, and I would recommend "bringing back the Cat" if it's going to be of any help.

Before the Chelsea game I went on to the terraces to talk to some of our fans. I had a limited amount of time, and could only speak to a small number, but I found it very rewarding. I discussed Argyle and its problems with these people who were so obviously representative

of the "decent majority"

Whilst talking to a group, a large number of Chelsea fans arrived at the Barn Park End - chanting. One young man, sporting Argyle colours, not to mention a few scars, moved towards them gesticulating. (That's a polite way of putting it). I thought I would have a quiet word with him, and turned his way. But I didn't speak because I saw his eyes and I knew there was no room for reason in that skull at that particular time - possibly at any time. These nut cases are crucifying the game of football.

The planning and the preparation for the

Chelsea match involving the Club and the police were enormous - time consuming, expensive, and, thankfully, successful. Even though the behind the scenes work was done fairly quietly I feel certain that the crowd would have been in excess of 20,000 if a significant number of the "decent majority" had not decided to stay away because of possible trouble. And who can blame them.

But that is a tragic loss to Plymouth Argyle Football Club. Firstly because we cannot have too many decent people supporting the Club. And secondly the financial loss is a critical one for a Club striving for better things and needing every penny.

So the loss of potential revenue was considerable but difficult to calculate - possibly as much as £4,000. The cost in hard cash for the police, who did a magnificent job, we know

exactly, and it's money we can't afford.

So hooliganism is a social disease and in some respects has reached cancerous proportions. The fact is the cost of hooliganism is being borne almost exclusively by Football Clubs.

The "soft" attitude at present being taken by the Government is worsening the situation not improving it. Being a Soccer Thug is becoming the thing to do and a hooligan's status amongst his fellows is in no way impaired by appearing in court - which incidentally do little inconvenience to body and privileges and fining is not the answer.

Tommy Eggleston, our Physiotherapist at Home Park, has the responsibility for "the prevention of injuries, and the treatment and remedial work of injured players". We all agree that his preventative work is by far the most important.

The same goes with hooligans. If we've got them then of course they must be treated and if possible rehabilitated. Utopia would have preventative measures which would stop hooliganism developing at all. But of course this is Britain 1976 and for a large number of youngsters, already hooligans, prevention is too late.

I'll give you my recommendations for dealing with the hooligan problem in next week's Pilgrim.

But I can tell you now, we've no intentions of signing Peter Bonetti. All the same if it's going to help soccer, then I say "bring back the Cat".

WHO'S WHO AT BURNDEN PARK



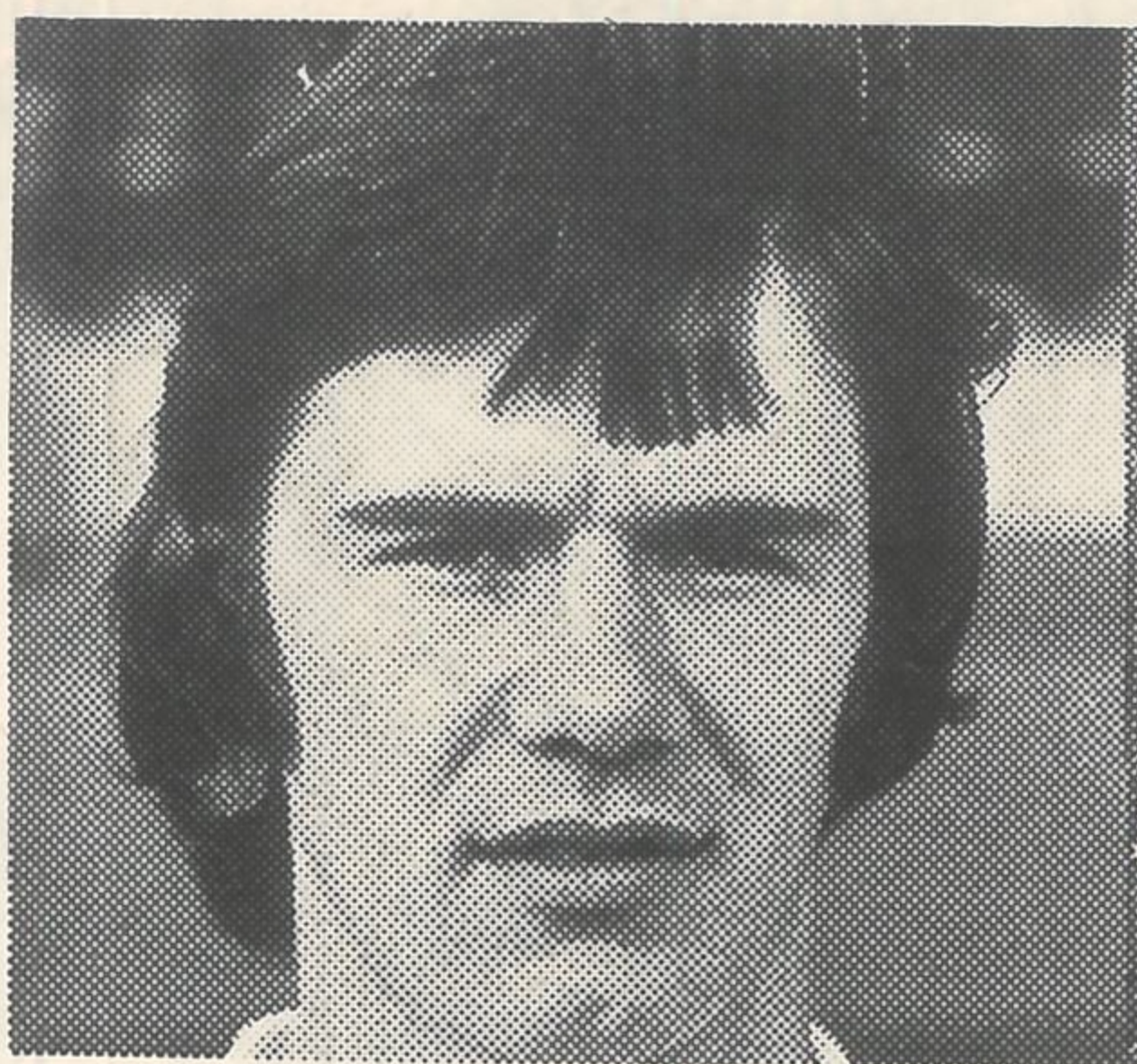
ROY GREAVES

PAUL JONES

Tall centre half born in Ellesmere Port. He has been the club's regular pivot for four seasons and is still only 22. Has already played in representative games and seems destined for bigger honours in the near future.

BARRY SIDDALL

Tall, well-built goalkeeper who was the former England youth 'keeper. Has been in the England Under-23 squad. Born Ellesmere Port. Joined the Wanderers from school.



PAUL JONES

MIKE WALSH

Fair haired teenager who made his senior debut last season. Impressed as a very hard tackling and mobile member of the back four.

JOHN BYROM

Made a big hit in League soccer as a teenager in Blackburn Rovers' First Division days. Joined Bolton for a £25,000 fee eight seasons ago and has repaid the cash many times over by being regularly the club's top scorer.

ALAN WALDRON

Another player who joined the Wanderers from school. Alan, brother of Burnley's Colin Waldron, had the misfortune to break a leg in the second League game last season at Blackpool. He appears to have made an excellent recovery and is looking forward to establishing himself in the side again this season.



PETER THOMPSON

HUGH CURRAN

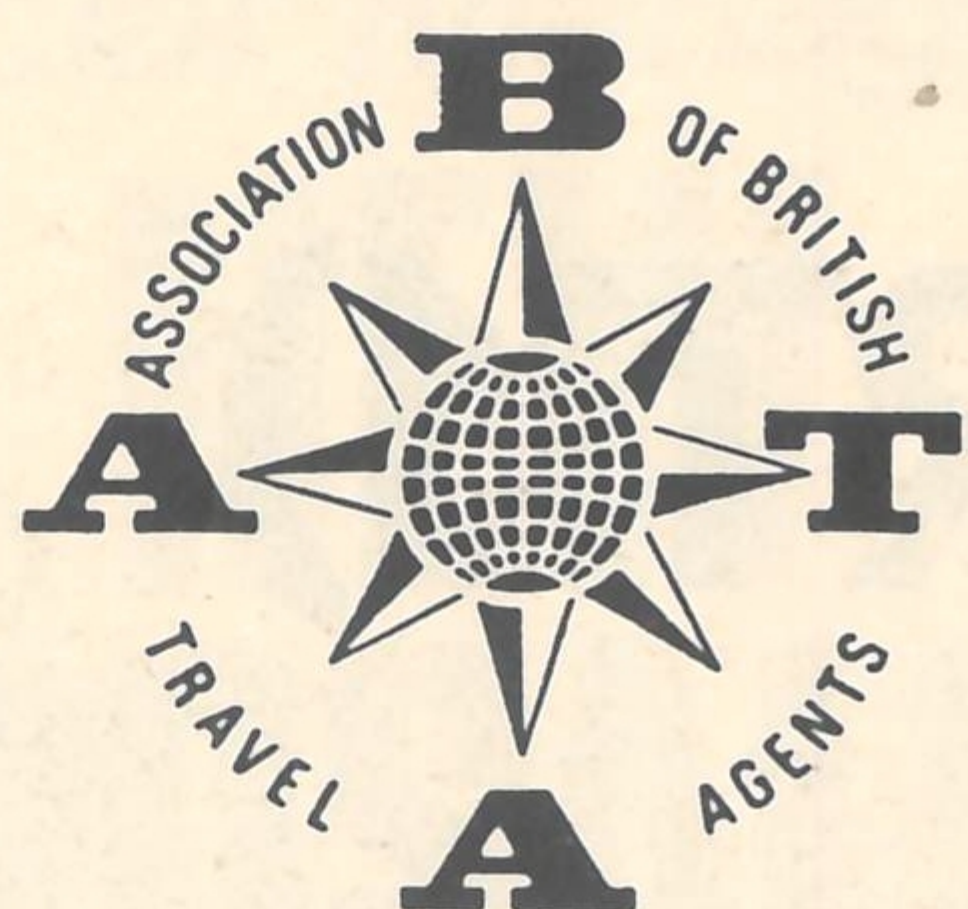
Scottish international striker who was signed from Oxford United for £40,000 last season. Scored 11 goals and has a lethal left foot as being excellent in the air. His previous clubs include Norwich and Wolves.

JOHN RITSON

Full back and club skipper. Joined the Wanderers from school. Born on Merseyside, he graduated through the club's junior sides before making his debut in 1967. Delights in pushing forward and has a tremendous shot.

PETER THOMPSON

Former Liverpool winger and England international. Peter is a traditional winger who knows every trick in the book - and several more he invented himself. On his day can cause havoc in any defence and is a real crowd-pleaser.



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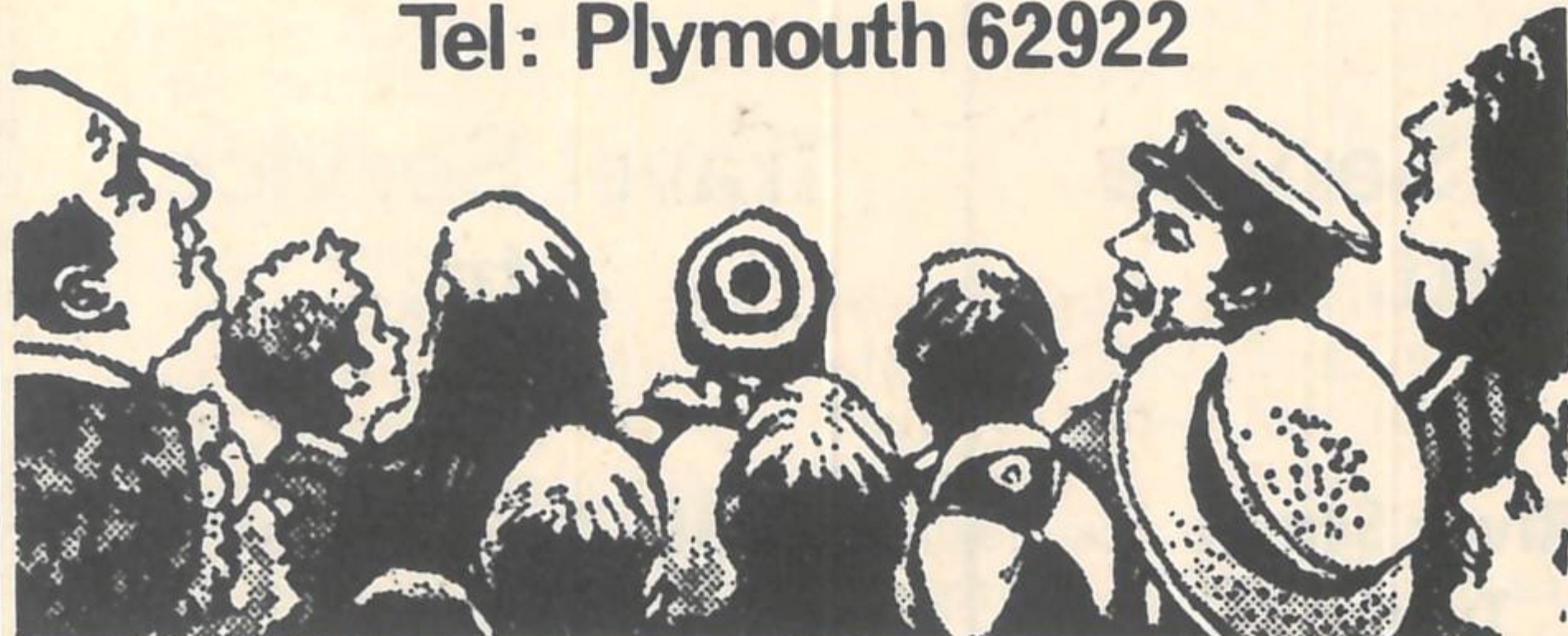
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Hello, to you all.
Let's hope that this weekend is accompanied with two points. By the way, I hope you're listening to the Argyle show every Thursday, 6 - 7 pm because we're always first with team news.

Now on to the music.
First of all we'll have a look at some ex-records of the week.

Title: Lines
Artist: Walker Brothers
Label: G T O

An excellent follow-up to "No Regrets" which did very well some months back. This time it's far shorter and seems a bit more laid back, and with this guy's voice it's a dead cert for the Ladies.
Rating out of 100 - 91

Title: Alone again or
Artist: Love
Label: Electra

This is another revived 45 that goes back to 1971. A group that I know absolutely nothing about but a record that can be classed as a MOODY BLUES type of song. Recommended for any young lovers.
Rating out of 100 - 95

Album of the week

Title: Oceans Away
Artist:
Phillip Goodhand Tait
Label: Chrysalis

One of the best of this month's albums, extremely original and faultless and very well produced. All the compositions are written by Phillip and seem to suit any mood of the day. My favourite track is "Jewel", a song written about his wife, the single taken off the album is the title track Oceans Away. Worth buying.
Rating out of 100-90

Bolton Wanderers - Salient Facts

Nickname: Trotters
Formed: 1874
Chairman: G Warburton
Manager: Ian Greaves
Colours: White shirts, dark blue shorts
Honours: Division II champions, 1908-9; Division III champions 1972-3; F A Cup winners, 1923, 1926, 1929, 1958
Record win: 13-0 v Sheffield United, F A Cup, February 1, 1890
Record defeat: 0-7 v Manchester City, Division I, 1936
Highest League scorer in season: Joe Smith, 38, Division I, 1920-21
Most goals in aggregate: Nat Lofthouse, 255, 1946-61
Most capped player: Nat Lofthouse, 33, England
Most League appearances: Eddie Hopkinson, 519, 1956-70
Record transfer fee received: £85,000 from Newcastle for Wyn Davies, October 1966
Record transfer fee paid: £60,000 to Wolves for Terry Wharton, October 1967
Managers since the war: Walter Rowley, Bill Ridding, Nat Lofthouse, Jimmy McIlroy, Jimmy Meadows, Nat Lofthouse, Jimmy Armfield

The Importance of Composure

Football is all about making the right decisions and therefore players need to be composed so that they have a chance of making the right decisions. Wild and rash play in football is generally unskilful. The player who can "keep his cool" under pressure will normally do a better job.

Whenever attackers are required to control the ball they clearly have to be composed since it is very difficult to exercise control over the ball if the player himself is out of control.

The same quality is important to a defender, as he will need poise when assessing how to use the ball, having won it by tackling or interception.

Having suggested that composure is important, therefore, how can teachers and coaches help players demonstrate poise and show composure during the game? I think that this can be done in three ways.

First of all it is clearly important that a player is confident in his own ability to play. That is to say the player must understand what his assets are to the team. If he is a good dribbler and crosser of the ball, then he needs to be encouraged to do it

well and told that he is doing it well.

Players then understand that they are making a contribution to their team and are an important cog in the machine, which helps their confidence. This aspect, being a development of the player's confidence, cannot be overstated with young players for, by the very nature of things, their experience will be limited, but they will nevertheless have a contribution to make and they need always to be encouraged when playing.

Therefore I would make a special plea to teachers and coaches not to expect too much from young players and not to demand that their individual ability and the development of that ability is less important than the result of the game.

By that I mean that I think it's important, for example, for young defenders to

learn to use the ball properly rather than always booting the ball away.

Secondly, technically, composure with the ball is most likely to be affected by an improvement in the player's control, since when the ball is being delivered to him he has greater confidence if his control is good.

This, of course, can only be improved by practice to perfect and increase the range of his controlling techniques. Good, tight control wins a player time and space and helps to produce poise.

Thirdly, the more fully a player understands his job, whether he is an attacker or a defender, the more likely he is to be in the right place at the right time, and therefore composed.

A simple example is that of the experienced player who



always seems to be in a good position to receive the ball. That being the case, he is invariably composed since he has the room and time to settle and play the ball. A clear understanding of the right supporting distances and angles produces that composure.

So the three ways to help a player develop composure are - 1. to help the player to

become more confident by encouragement, 2. to help him improve technically and 3. to help him to understand his job more thoroughly.

In conclusion, composure and confidence generally develop with experience, but my own feeling is that we need to encourage this particular quality to a very great extent, and certainly more than we do at the moment.

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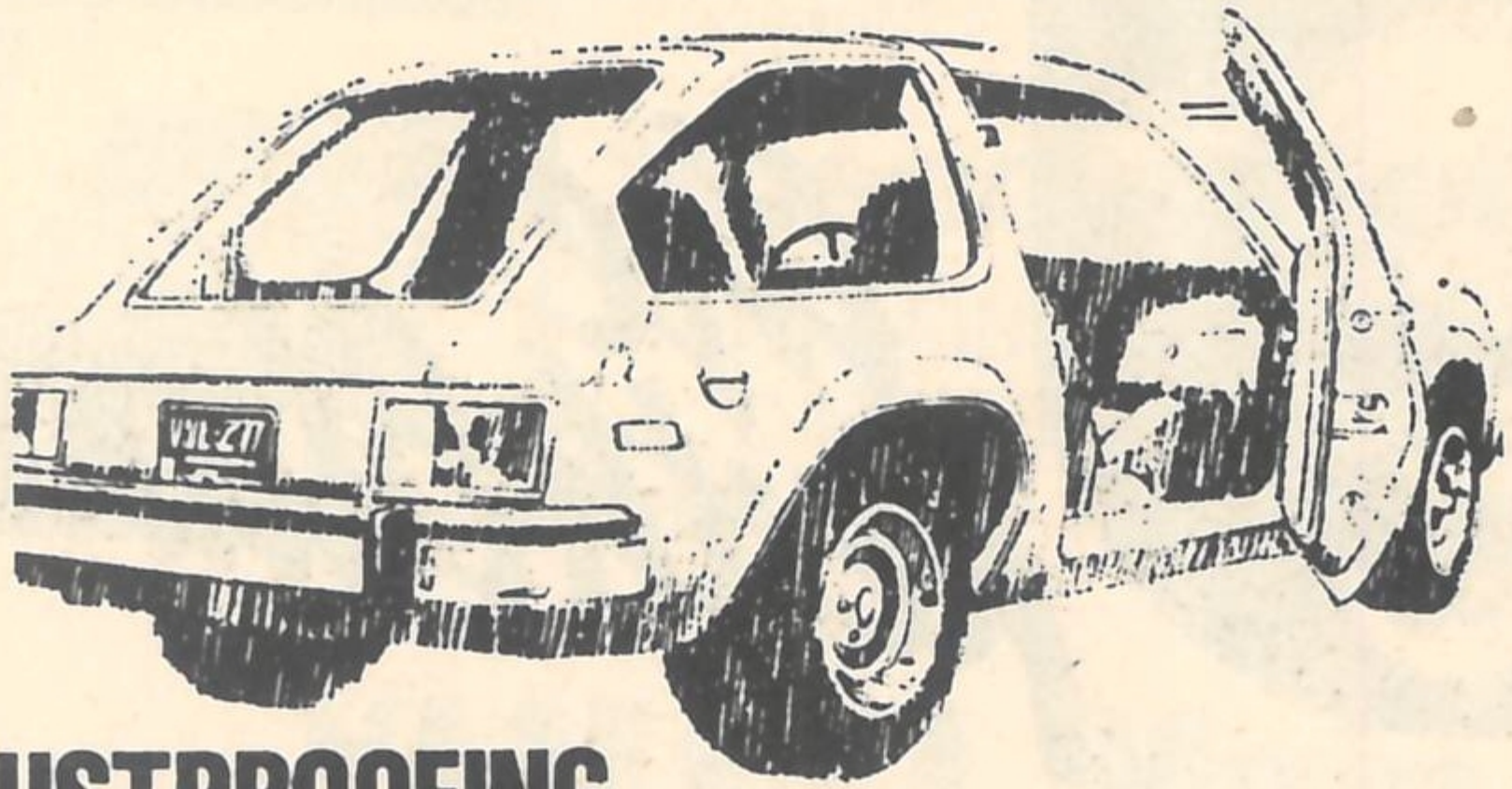
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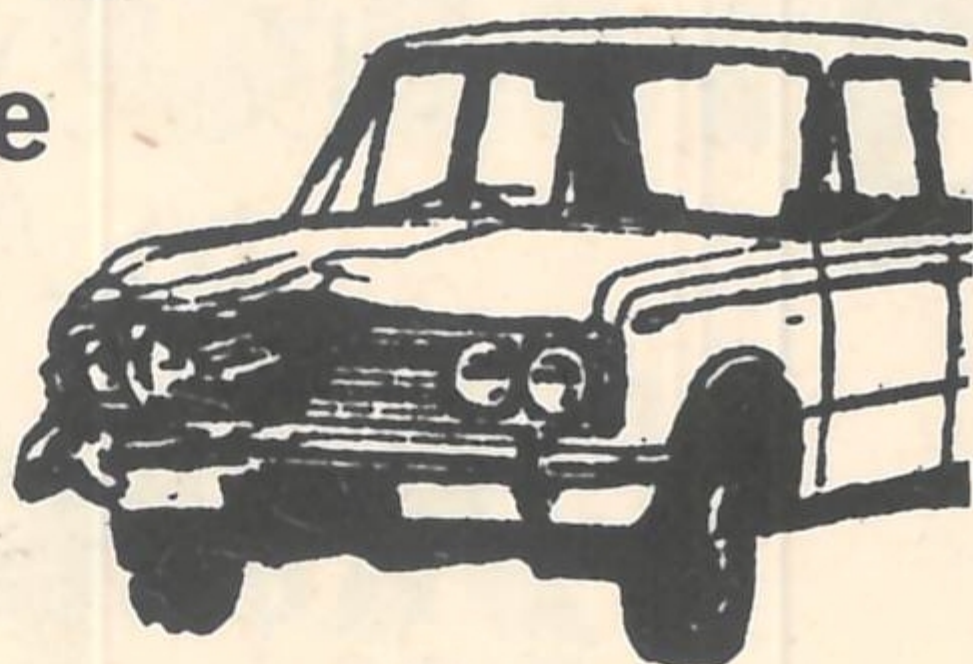
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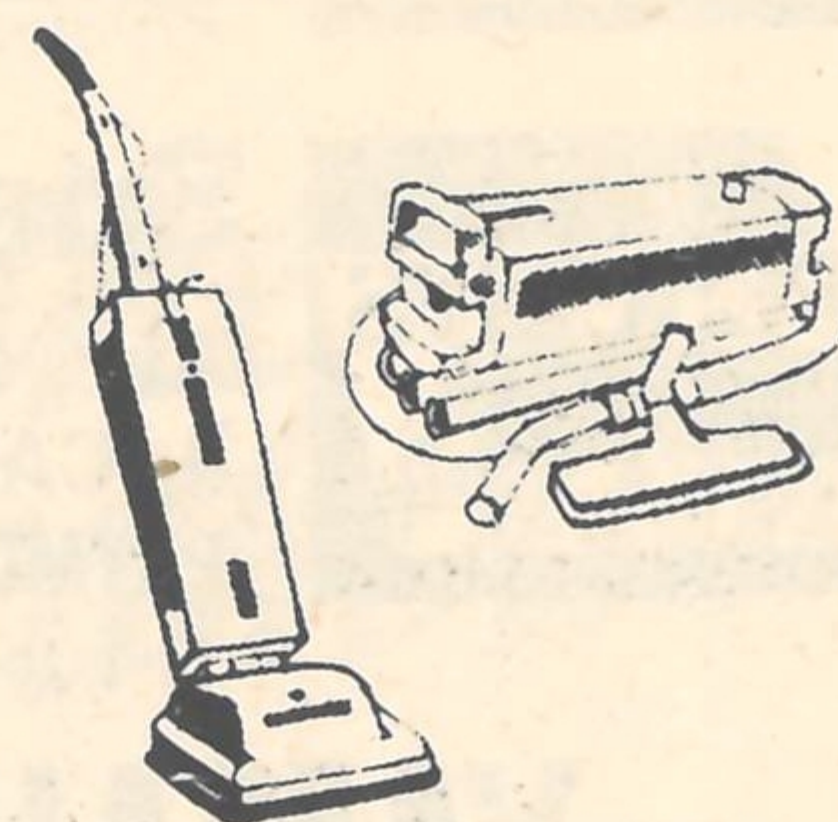
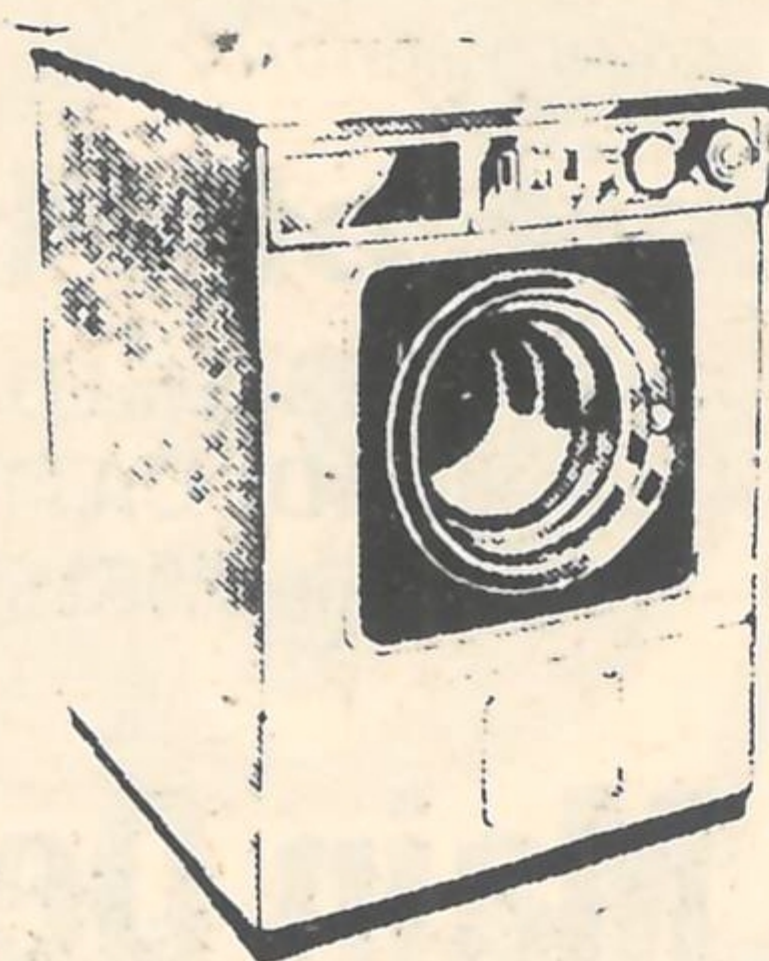


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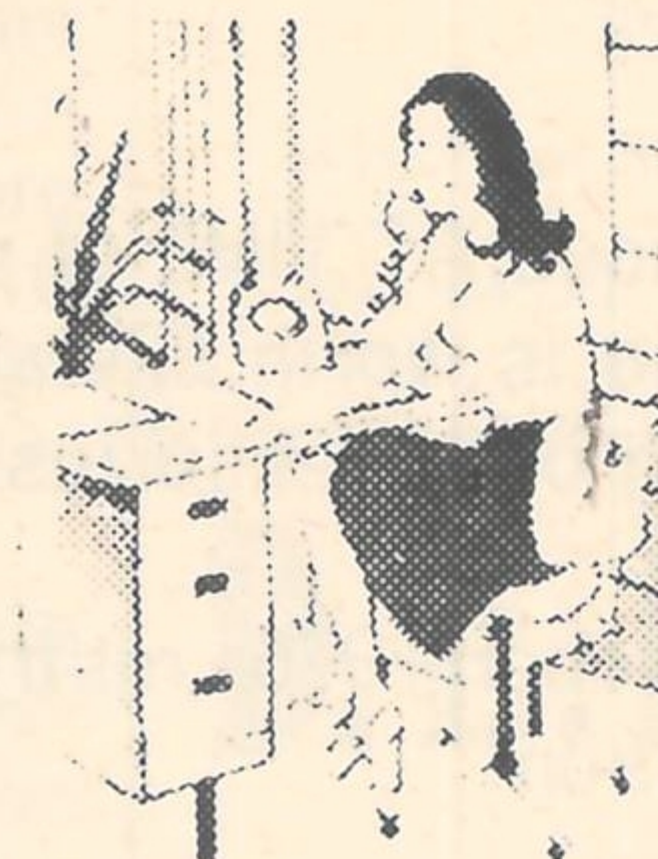
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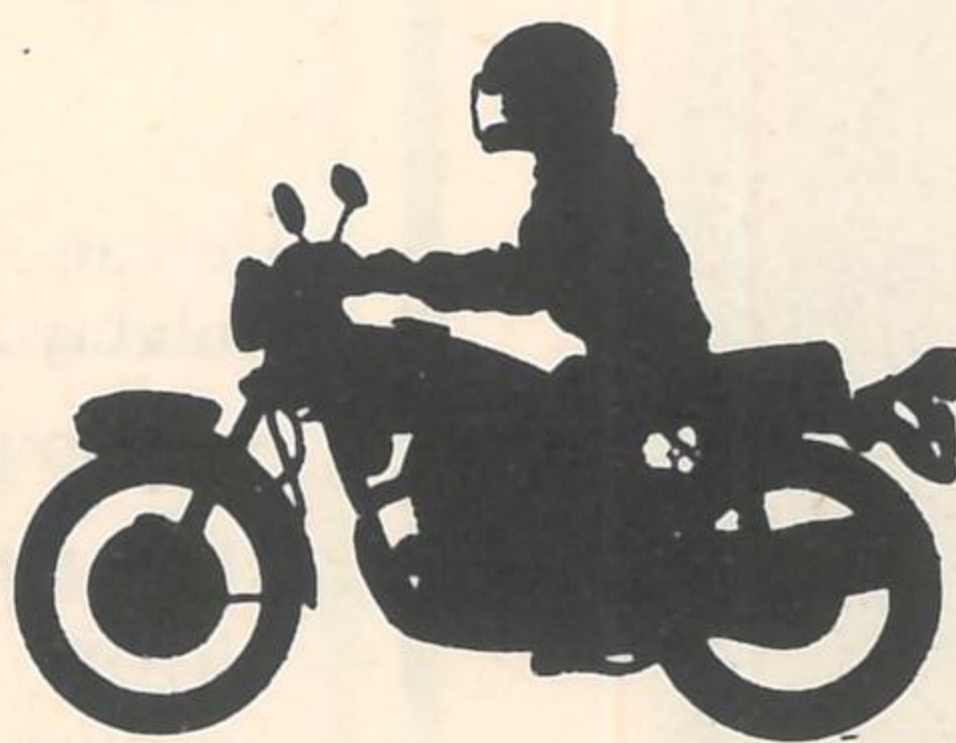
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THE HOLIDAY THAT LACKED SOMETHING

What happened on August Bank Holiday Monday? The short answer is, as far as football is concerned, NOTHING! And thereby hangs the basis of this column today.

The one day in the calendar when spectators cried out for a Football League fixture list of some depth was totally clear.

When, oh when, are the Management Committee going to tackle a problem which has existed ever since the holiday was shifted from the beginning of the month to the end?

Athletics, cricket, horse-racing, speedway and so on - enthusiasts of these sports were catered for. But on a day when soccer fans were kicking their heels, there wasn't a first-class match in sight.

But we do have words of comfort emerging from headquarters at Lytham St Annes.

They do tend to confirm that in their tortoise-like way, the hierarchy are moving in

the right direction.

Bob Lord, a man who seemed to get a lot more done before he joined the management committee than he has since, was quoted in a national newspaper as saying "Maybe we have been a bit backward in taking the autumn day into account."

"I feel sure that in the future - probably next season - we as a management committee will re-examine the case and pencil in the August Bank Holiday as a good soccer date."

Why next season - why not now in time for next season?

Dick Wragg of Sheffield United, a committee man

of long standing, raises a valid point when he says it could cause a bit of living room friction about an afternoon at football as opposed to a day at the coast.

"But," he added "in the current climate of the game, it has got to be worth an experiment..... I would happily vote for a trial for August Bank Holiday."

As it happened, this was a week when the League Cup ties were on. A simple formula would have been to switch the midweek games to a Mon-

day afternoon or evening kick off.

In times when gates are not booming, football must grasp at every opportunity. At the moment, it seems certain that the game is missing out on a golden opportunity to cash in on people's off-work time.

Johnny Giles seems to go on for ever. Has there been a better mid-field general in British football in the last decade than this modest little Irishman?

His transfer to Leeds United years ago must

rank as the classic clanger of all time at Manchester United. His contribution to Leeds was immense and in his first attempt at the managerial job, he took West Brom back into the First Division - something even Don Howe couldn't achieve.

At Wembley recently, he strode the turf like a man at the top of his profession.

He is talking of leaving soccer management at the end of the season. Someone must persuade him to think again.

All our Yesteryears

Visitors - Bolton Wanderers
Home, won 2-0 Away, won 2-1
SEASON 1966-67

A Double over Wanderers

Argyle met Bolton at Home Park on the 26th November, 1966 before a crowd of 13,600.

The teams lined up
ARGYLE:- Shearing, Sillett, Baird, Newman, Nelson, Hore, Jones, Reynolds, Bickle, Bloomfield, Jennings, Sub - Rounsevell.

BOLTON:- Hopkinson, Farrimond, Cooper, Rimmer, Napier, Hutton, Lee, Bromley, Byrom, Hill, Lennard, Sub - Beech.

The first half was one of those classic stalemate situations when both sides seemed over-cautious.

At half time there was no score but the second half saw the Argyle attack in full flight. It was Argyle's centre half, Andy Nelson, who put us one up from a corner with a great drive through a ruck of players after 74 minutes.

Then four minutes later Mike Bickle rose to head home a fine Barrie Jones cross to complete the scoring.

The return fixture was played at Burnden Park on the 22nd April 1967. The constant morning drizzle kept many spectators at home, but 7,257 did turn up to see the teams line up as follows ARGYLE:- Dunne, Everitt, Baird, Hore, Nelson, Newman, Davey, Banks, Etheridge, Piper, Mitten. Sub - Neale.

BOLTON:- Hopkinson, Hatton, Farrimond, Rimmer, Hulme, Lennard, Taylor, Byrom, Lee, Bromley, Phillips Sub - Greaves.

Argyle went ahead after only 12 minutes when a John Mitten corner was headed home by Alan Banks. Norman Piper found the net but unfortunately was just offside.

Thirty seconds

after the break Ron Phillips equalised and play was then end to end with the greasy conditions not helping much in the way of attractive football.

With only three minutes left came joy for Argyle and Johnny Hore as he saw his power shot from over 30 yards fly past ex-England goalie, Eddie Hopkinson.

This was Johnny Hore's first goal for Argyle and made sure of the two points.

This series is written for the Pilgrim by Plymouth football Archivist, Don Smith of 15 Abingdon Road, Plymouth, who still urgently needs early football items, i.e. newspaper cuttings, handbooks, programmes, photos etc. for research. All letters acknowledged.

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JUST TWO POINTS BETWEEN THEM AND FIRST DIVISION

Just a couple more points last season and Bolton Wanderers would now be living it up back in the First Division where their fans believe they belong.

Nothing seemed more certain at the turn of the years with Ian Greaves' men firmly entrenched in second place in the Second Division table.

A 16-match unbeaten run before Christmas took the Wanderers surging towards their target and more success in the New Year lifted them into the top spot by February.

They were never out of the top three during March but they faltered slightly during the final run-in and had to settle for fourth place.

There's no doubt that Bolton's promotion aspirations were distracted at a critical time by their marathon F A Cup fifth round attempts to knock out Newcastle United.

Three ties were needed to end Bolton's interest. The quality of their football won them many new friends nationally and delighted the public of Bolton with home gates

trebled and the club enjoying its best run for years.

But the real target - a return to the First Division they left 12 years ago - was missed as a result of the surfeit of football and the intense pressures on the players.

By the law of averages it was possibly expecting too much for Bolton to start afresh and make an immediate impact again this season.

But there has been no adverse reaction because basically the same players who took the club so close to triumph are threatening to carry on challenging at the top in the same exciting way.

Manager Greaves moulded Bolton into a side finely balanced between the experience

of men like Tony Dunne and Peter Thompson and the young talent of stars like Paul and Garry Jones. And the formula is still working smoothly.

They won four of their opening matches to move into second place in the table - climaxed by a 5-1 thrashing of Hull City.

Such a brilliant start must be highly satisfying for Greaves, who spent a brief spell on the coach-staff at Home Park two years ago.

Greaves was recruited by Tony Waiters shortly after resigning as manager of Huddersfield Town, the team he had proudly taken into the First Division.

Unfortunately, Huddersfield plunged straight back down to the Third against a background of trouble.

Jimmy Armfield invited Greaves to return North from Plymouth as his assistant. When Armfield went to Leeds a couple of months later, Greaves was promoted and immediately enlisted George Mulhall, the former Sunderland winger who manag-

ed Halifax Town, as his assistant.

For a long time Greaves steadfastly refused to accept any credit for doing anything other than directing the team.

"The past management must get the credit for assembling this team," he said. "I've probably sold around £100,000 worth of players since I took over but I haven't bought one - they were all here when I came."

"I don't want to claim any credit that isn't mine because I'm not searching for glory for myself. I get bored seeing my own name in the paper. I'd much rather read about my players."

Three significant changes have taken place among the staff since that remark, however.

Ex-Manchester United and Burnley winger Willie Morgan was signed last March . . . just in time to make his debut in the number 12 shirt against Argyle at Burnden Park.

Then came the shock news recently that long-



Ian Greaves

serving John Byrom, who has scored over a century of goals in 300 appearances for Bolton, was to be given a free transfer after saying he wanted to quit the game.

The third change is the emergence of Steve Taylor, a 20-year-old reserve striker out to prove his manager wrong when he suggested he was too inexperienced to solve the club's scoring problem.

Taylor hit five goals in his first five league games after being out of the reckoning in the pre-season warm-up matches. He got the first three with his head and is obviously a man to watch.



**BOLTON
STAR
MAN**

**TONY
DUNNE**

Tony Dunne is best known as one of the last playing survivors of the all-conquering Manchester United side of the mid-Sixties.

One European Cup-winning medal; one F A Cup winners' medal; and two First Division championship gongs. Plus over 30 caps for Eire.

Now Dunne - with 500 league games under his belt - lines up as the "old head" in the Bolton defence.

He was secured on a free transfer and has proved a bargain capture for Manager Ian Greaves . . . just as he was for United after his £5,000 transfer from Shellbourne in 1960.

Dunne, born in Dublin, starred in United's continuous run of successes under Sir Matt Busby and played 415 league games for the reds.

Compactly built at 5 ft 6½ in and 9 st 11 lb, he was first capped for the Republic of Ireland in 1962. Ten years later he was still appearing for his country under his former Manchester United team mate Johnny Giles.

Dunne was tagged the quiet man during his United days. "What else could I be?" he grins. "I was in the same team as George Best, Denis Law, Bobby Charlton, Pat Crerand, Nobby Stiles and the like."

"Nobody wanted to hear from me with them around. But they were great games. I was happy just to stay in the background and line up alongside them on match days."

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OUR ACTION GALLERY

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Almost a look of disbelief on Paul Mariner's face as his header finds the net against Chelsea (top) and (left) no doubt now as Paul salutes the crowd in triumph. Above Mike Green leaps in but is baulked by Peter Bonetti. Also in the picture are Steve Finnieston, . . . and Paul Mariner.

Commercial Manager **Bill Pearce**
writes

NEW LOTTERY PROPOSALS COULD CRIPPLE SOCCER

In the last financial year the Commercial Department at Home Park raised over £100,000 on behalf of Plymouth Argyle. Income which was to prove the very life-blood of the Club. When the sources of income were analysed it was discovered that nearly £80,000 came from our highly successful fund-raising competitions—the ever faithful Bingo Ticket and the popular Weekly Draws, 'Three-N-Easy', 'Cornishman' and 'Sou'wester'. Of this £80,000 no less than £35,000 was derived from 'The Argyle Ace', the Bingo Ticket!

Now all this is threatened, not only at Home Park, but wherever football is played in this country. That's soccer's verdict on the proposed new government regulations which are due to go before the House of Commons next month. And the sweeping changes proposed are suggested less than a year after the 1975 Lotteries Act amended the old 1963 Act so that, according to statements at the time, League Clubs could be helped to raise money to pay for ground improvements to reach standards demanded by the new Safety & Sports Ground Act. If passed they could bring a halt to nearly £3 million annually going into soccer club coffers. And this at a time of escalating costs and falling gates. The result would be a calamity for the game!

The Football League Commercial Manager's Association has spent months studying the proposals and its legal adviser, Aston Villa Director Mr Roger Smart, has no doubts - this could ruin sports club ticket and lottery fund raisers.

THEY WANT

Under the Act as it stands at present clubs can run lotteries valued up to £5000 per week. That guarantees the life of hundreds of life-saving pools competitions, lotteries and tickets. But the Act came into being with a Section 10 which provided for the Secretary of State to introduce later regulations controlling the conduct of lotteries. These are the proposed regulations which Parliament will discuss and which are frightening sport:-

- **THEY WANT** to ban the sale of tickets in all shops, pubs and clubs. As more than 50% of all sales are effected in this way that would be a killer in one blow!
- **THEY WANT** to make it illegal to advertise in any way - even in Club Programmes. If you can't put your goods in the shop window how can you hope to sell?
- **THEY WANT** to outlaw the Bingo Ticket which 89 Clubs in the Football League are operating.

- **THEY WANT** to put lotteries like ours under the banner of the Gaming Board rather than, as at present, under the jurisdiction of the local authority.
- **AND THEY ARE SAID** to be considering whether the sealed ticket should be made illegal!

Derby County's Commercial Executive writing in a recent edition of 'The Ram' comments "The future will be bleak if this lot becomes law. The Commercial Manager's Association is very worried. They estimate that a dozen clubs could go to the wall at once. And many more would go down within a very short time."

WIDE GAP TO BRIDGE!

All the proposals outlined were published in a Consultative Document. Its purpose admittedly was to invite discussion and alternative suggestions. But the gap between what clubs and other sporting organisations feel is vital to their interests, and what the government propose, appears much too wide for there to be any hope of a workable compromise in the final recommendations which will go before the House. The only real hope for the game is that there will be enough Members of Parliament sufficiently alert to see the danger. The football industry which brings in £ Millions via Pools and Betting Taxes, hundreds of thousands through VAT on admission and other income, and which brings relaxation and enjoyment to countless millions is threatened!



HOW THEY STAND

DIVISION 2

BLACKBURN	(0) 0	BRISTOL ROV.	(0) 0
			7,751
CARLISLE	(1) 2	BURNLEY	(0) 1
Lathan, Rafferty			Smith, 8,945
CHELSEA	(1) 2	BOLTON	(0) 1
Hay, Stamley			Taylor, 24,835
HEREFORD	(0) 1	CHARLTON	(1) 2
Lindsay, 8,723			Flanagan, Hales
LUTON	(0) 0	FULHAM	(1) 2
19,929			Barratt, Marsh
MILLWALL	(2) 3	PLYMOUTH	(0) 0
Lee 2, Salvage (pen)			9,883
NOTTS CO.	(1) 2	BLACKPOOL	(0) 0
Scanlon, Mann			9,598
ORIENT	(2) 3	CARDIFF	(0) 0
Cunningham 2			5,743
Whittle			
SOUTHAMPTON	(1) 1	NOTT'M FOR.	(1) 1
Stokes			Bowyer, 23,006
WOLVES	(4) 5	OLDHAM	(0) 0
Sunderland, Daley			
Kindon 2, Hibbitt			19,186

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	6	3	3	0	13	3	9
Chelsea	6	4	1	1	9	8	9
Bolton Wanderers	6	4	0	2	13	7	8
Blackpool.....	6	4	0	2	12	7	8
Oldham Athletic.....	6	3	2	1	9	9	8
Millwall.....	6	3	1	2	11	8	7
Notts County.....	6	3	1	2	9	7	7
Fulham.....	6	2	3	1	7	6	7
Hereford United.....	6	2	2	2	11	9	6
Hull City.....	6	2	2	2	10	9	6
Sheffield United.....	6	1	4	1	8	7	6
Nottingham Forest.....	6	1	4	1	10	11	6
Bristol Rovers.....	6	2	2	2	4	6	6
Carlisle United.....	6	2	2	2	8	10	6
Charlton Athletic.....	6	2	2	2	8	11	6
Burnley.....	6	2	1	3	7	8	5
Luton Town.....	6	2	1	3	9	11	5
Plymouth Argyle.....	6	1	2	3	11	12	4
Cardiff City.....	6	2	0	4	9	12	4
Orient.....	6	1	1	4	5	9	3
Blackburn Rovers.....	6	1	1	4	4	10	3
Southampton	6	0	3	3	3	10	3

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Aug 14	Exeter (1st Round L C)	H	0-1	8,688
Aug 17	Exeter (, ,)	A	0-1	8,859
Aug 21	Oldham Athletic	A	2-2	7,378 Mariner Johnson
Aug 24	Blackburn Rovers	H	4-0	13,553 Collins Johnson Hall
Aug 28	Notts County	H	1-2	14,539 Mariner Mariner
Sept 1	League Cup 2			
Sept 4	Orient	A	2-2	4,808 Mariner (2)
Sept 11	Chelsea	H	2-3	18,356 Hall, Mariner
Sept 18	Millwall	A	0-3	9,883
Sept 22	League Cup 3			
Sept 25	Bolton Wanderers	H		
Oct 2	Luton Town	H		
Oct 9	Blackpool	A		
Oct 16	Cardiff City	H		
Oct 23	Bristol Rovers	A		
Oct 27	League Cup 4			
Oct 30	Burnley	H		
Nov 5	Charlton Athletic	A		
Nov 13	Fulham	H		
Nov 20	Hull City (1)	A		
Nov 27	Carlisle United	H		
Dec 1	League Cup 5			
Dec 4	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A		
Dec 11	Sheffield United (2)	H		
Dec 18	Nottingham Forest	A		
Dec 27	Southampton	H		
Dec 29	Hereford United	A		
1977				
Jan 1	Charlton Athletic	H		
Jan 3	Burnley	A		
Jan 8	F A Cup 3			
Jan 15	Blackburn Rovers	A		
Jan 19	League Cup SF			
Jan 22	Oldham Athletic	H		
Jan 29	F A Cup 4			
Feb 5	Notts County	A		
Feb 12	Orient	H		
Feb 16	League Cup SF			
Feb 19	Chelsea	A		
Feb 26	Millwall (5)	H		
Mar 5	Bolton Wanderers	A		
Mar 12	Luton Town (LCF)	A		
Mar 19	Blackpool (6)	H		
Mar 26	Cardiff City	A		
Apr 2	Bristol Rovers	H		
Apr 8	Southampton	A		
Apr 9	Hereford United	H		
Apr 11	Fulham	A		
Apr 16	Hull City	H		
Apr 23	Carlisle United (SF)	A		
Apr 30	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H		
May 7	Sheffield United	A		
May 14	Nottingham Forest	H		

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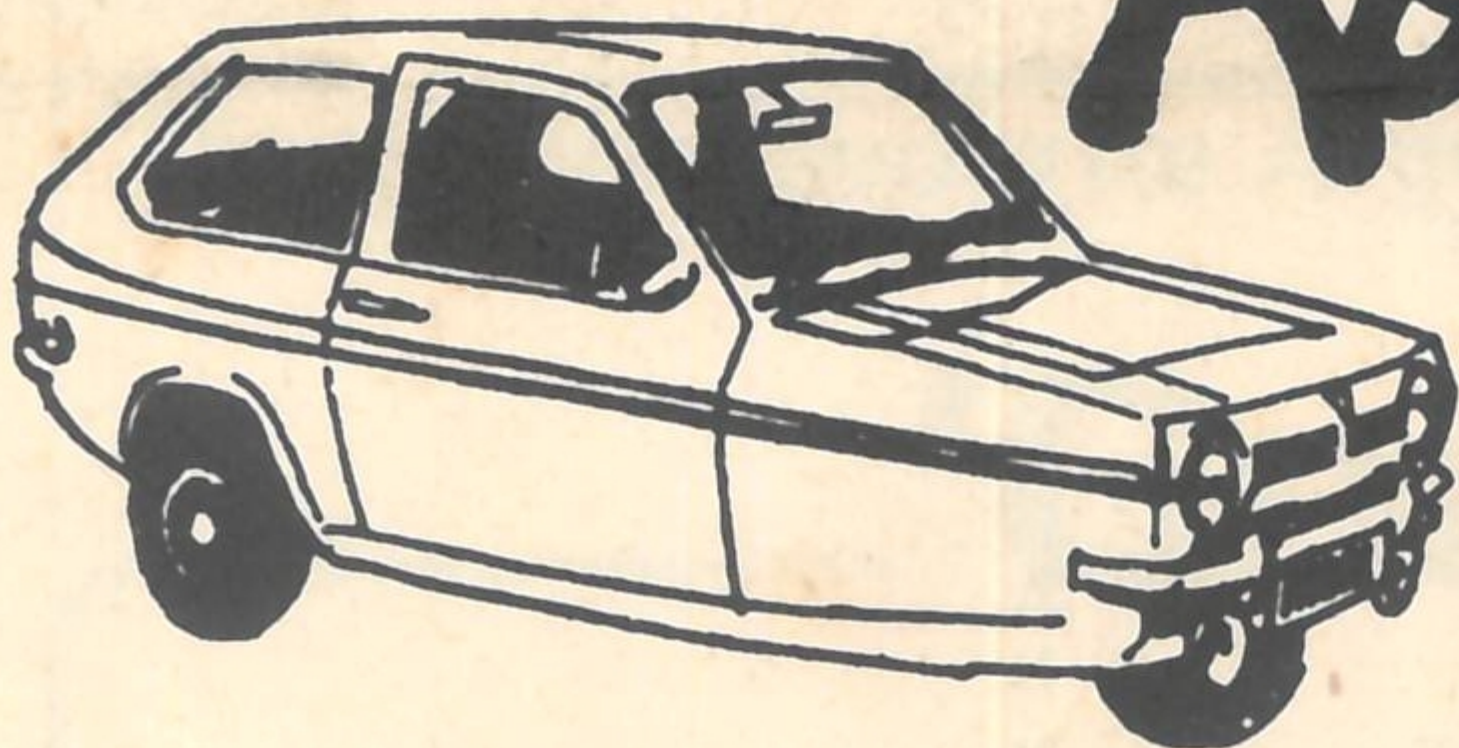
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Tues	Oct	12	Cardiff City	Football Comb.	7.30
Sat	Oct	16	CARDIFF CITY	Division II	3.00
Sat	Oct	23	Swindon	Football Comb.	3.00

TODAY'S LINE UP

Argyle

Neil Ramsbottom	1
Colin Randell	2
Mick Horswill	3
John Delve	4
David Sutton	5
Mike Green	6
Brian Hall	7
Brian Johnson	8
Paul Mariner	9
Chris Harrison	10
Alan Rogers	11
George Foster	12

Bolton

Barry Siddall
John Ritson
Tony Dunne
Roy Greaves
Paul Jones
Sam Allardyce
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Aston Villa	v	Leicester	
Coventry	v	Birmingham	
Derby	v	West Bromwich	
Everton	v	Bristol City	
Ipswich	v	Arsenal	
Manchester City	v	Manchester United	
Middlesbrough	v	Leeds	
Newcastle	v	Liverpool	
Q P R	v	Stoke	
Tottenham	v	Norwich	
West Ham	v	Sunderland	
Blackpool	v	Chelsea	
Bristol Rovers	v	Notts County	
Burnley	v	Hull	
Fulham	v	Hereford	
Notts Forest	v	Carlisle	
Oldham	v	Orient	
Sheffield Utd	v	Blackburn	
Wolves	v	Luton	
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Watford	v	EXETER	
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